

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

Please replace the Title of the Invention with the Following:

HOSE BIB CONTAINMENT DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HOSE BIBS AND THE LIKE

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please enter the following amendments.

A. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 17 with the following:

In one embodiment, hose bib containment device 10 is constructed as a one-piece unit by using a mold injection process. Containment device 10 can be made out of a molded plastic material such as BASF[®]'s Centrex® material, as one non-limiting example. Various other types of weather-resistant materials could also be used as would be apparent to one skilled in the art. Alternatively or additionally, all or part of containment device 10 can be made in a color that matches or would otherwise be aesthetically appealing compared to the brick and/or mortar color of the building. In one embodiment, at least face 20 of front portion 17 is made in a color that matches or would look aesthetically appealing with the brick and/or mortar. In another embodiment, the entire containment device 10 is made in that matching or aesthetically appealing color. One purpose of using a matching color on at least face 20 of front portion 17 is so that when installed, containment device 10 fits in well with the surrounding brick and mortar in an aesthetically appealing manner. One of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that containment device 10 could be made in one or more different shapes, sizes, pieces and/or arrangements than those described herein and still be within the spirit of the invention.

B. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 20, with the following:

Middle portion 16 includes multiple sides and is coupled to back portion 12. Front portion 17 has multiple sides 18 and face 20, with sides 18 of front portion 17 being coupled to middle portion 16. In one embodiment, middle portion 16 has four sides, and front portion 17 has four sides 18 and face 20. A hole 22 extends through front portion 17, middle portion 16,

and back portion 12. Hole 22 can serve as a guide for aiding in installation of a hose bib, such as hose bib 50 shown in FIG. 6, into an exterior wall. As shown in FIGS. 1 and 3, hole 22 in one embodiment is defined by a tube that extends from front portion 17, through middle portion 16 and back portion 12. As shown on FIG. 3, the tube can extend outwardly on rear side 30 of back portion 12 so that the outward part of the tube can be inserted into an opening of the exterior wall as a guide. Other hole variations are also possible, such as simply having a hole on front portion 17 and a corresponding hole on back portion 12 to allow hose bib 50 to be fed through.